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SUBJ: US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISITS INDONESIA

1. JAKARTA AUGUST 8: ENDING A THREE DAY FACT FINDING MISSION IN INDONESIA, CONGRESSMEN LESTER WOLFF(NEW YORK), CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SPOKE FOR THE TEN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WHEN HE SAID THAT AS THE RESULT OF TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, AND OTHER INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS OBTAINED VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE VIEWPOINTS AND PROBLEMS OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, AND WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE US IN SEA.

2. SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA ON AUGUST 8, WOLFF EMPHASIZED THAT THE US HAD NO INTENTION OF RETIRING TO "AN ISLAND FORTRESS" AFTER VIETNAM, AND THAT THE DELEGATION WAS ENCOURAGED THAT NEITHER WAS INDONESIA "RETIRING TO HER ISLANDS." WOLFF SAID THAT THE CONGRESSMEN SAW ASEAN AS A "HEALTHY" DEVELOPMENT, AND ONE WITH WHICH US WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF RELATIONSHIP. CONGRESSMEN GILMAN (NEW YORK) ADDED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS BOTH IN INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES REVEALED A FEELING THAT THE US DOES CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY AND PEACE IN THE REGION AND THAT IT CAN PLAY A MUCH GREATER ROLE IN THE FUTURE.

3. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT CONGRESS' WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT COMMIT-
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MENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT, WOLFF STRESSED THAT CONGRESS WAS

NOT ON A "COLLISION COURSE" WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT THAT CONGRESS AS ONE OF THE THREE EQUAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT DID WANT TO BE CONSULTED, AND WOULD USE ITS AUTHORITY TO ACHIEVE THIS. LOOKING AT THE RECORD SINCE VIETNAM, HE SAID, IN MOST CASES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE SPOKEN WITH ONE VOICE ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS.

4. ANSWERING A QUESTION ON US MILITARY AID TO INDONESIA, WOLFF SAID THAT WHEN THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL COMES BEFORE CONGRESS NEXT MONTH, IT WILL EXAMINE INDONESIA'S NEEDS AND REQUESTS IN LIGHT OF THE "CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA AND THE CONFINES OF THE PRIORITIES WE FIND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD." WE GO BACK WITH NO PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS," WOLFF SAID. "WE DO GO BACK WITH AN OPEN MIND, ENCOURAGED BY HOW INDONESIA IS HELPING ITSELF." CONGRESSMAN JOHN MEYERS(INDIANA), MEMBER OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AFFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT INDONESIA HAS A GREAT NEED FOR MODERNIZING ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND THAT "PROBABLY THE US WILL GIVE SOME ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH PROBABLY NOT AS MUCH AS INDONESIA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OR INDONESIA NEEDS." HE ADDED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALLIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO STANDARDIZE THEIR EQUIPMENT AND HAVE A COMMON TYPE OF WEAPONRY AS A DETERRENT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF AGGRESSION WHEREVER IT MIGHT OCCUR.

5. DEPARTING JAKARTA, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FLEW DIRECTLY TO SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND THEN WILL GO ON TO JAPAN, WHERE THEY WILL COMPLETE THEIR MISSION.
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